



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C39  
Serial No.: 09/904,992 Group Art Unit: 1636  
Filing Date: July 12, 2001 Examiner: Leffers Jr., Gerald G.  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

**MS: AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 18, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for Extension of time for three months with necessary fees. Attached is an Information Disclosure Statement enlisting US patents 4,456,550; 5,008,196; 5,036,003; 5,240,848 for the Examiner's reference. This response is further accompanied by a Declaration by Sherman Fong, Ph.D., with exhibits A-I and a copy of his curriculum vitae. Consideration of this amendment and declaration are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.